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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of January 18, 2006, reconsideration of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on April 18, 2006, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two (2) months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with requisite fees therefore. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time fees for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.